



SC Annual District Report Card Summary

OCONEE School District
Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 10,530
Superintendent: Dr. Mike Lucas
Board Chair: Andy Inabinet

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2014	Excellent	Good	N/A	N/A	B	N/A
2013	Excellent	Good	N/A	N/A	B	N/A
2012	Excellent	Good	N/A	N/A	B	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATING OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
16	3	2	0	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015. Schools with Students Like Ours with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

SC PASS

SC PASS	2014 Reading	2014 Math	2014 Science	2014 Social Studies	2014 Writing
	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above
District	74.9%	74.6%	69.6%	73.1%	76.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	74.7%	73.8%	70.8%	76.3%	76.8%
Average District	73.9%	72.3%	70.2%	75.9%	76.2%

SC PASS

SC PASS	2014 Reading	2014 Math	2014 Science	2014 Social Studies	2014 Writing
	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary
District	44.1%	39.6%	23.0%	30.8%	37.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	42.4%	37.2%	26.0%	36.4%	38.2%
Average District	42.4%	36.6%	26.6%	37.5%	38.6%

HSAP

HSAP: 2nd Year Students	Passed 2 Subtests	Passed 1 Subtest	Passed No Subtests
District	77.4%	14.8%	7.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	78.5%	13.5%	8.0%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2014 (%)

District	92.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	93.3%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	78.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	78.0%

On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	82.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	81.5%

** Districts with Students Like Ours are districts with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

NAEP*

*Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level.

Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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Abbreviations Key

N/A-Not Applicable

N/AV-Not Available

N/C-Not Collected

N/R-Not Reported

I/S-Insufficient Sample

TBD-To Be Determined

OCONEE School District

DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
Students (n = 10,530)				
Retention Rate	0.9%	Down from 1.1%	1.7%	2.1%
Attendance Rate	96.4%	Up from 95.4%	96.5%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	16.7%	Up from 15.1%	16.7%	11.5%
With disabilities other than speech	15.5%	Up from 15.2%	13.0%	13.1%
Older than usual for grade	3.2%	Down from 3.5%	4.0%	4.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.6%	Up from 0.4%	0.7%	0.7%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	20.9%	Up from 18.5%	20.7%	15.7%
Successful on AP/IB exams	64.4%	Down from 66.9%	52.4%	51.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	57.9%	Up from 46.5%	37.7%	31.1%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	399	Up from 170	115	115
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	93	Up from 90	31	31
Annual dropout rate	3.7%	Up from 2.5%	2.4%	2.3%
Teachers (n = 785)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	65.6%	Up from 64.7%	62.2%	60.4%
Continuing contract teachers	88.9%	Down from 89.2%	83.4%	79.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	93.2%	Down from 93.4%	91.4%	90.1%
Teacher attendance rate	94.4%	Up from 93.9%	95.3%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,756	Up 0.5%	\$49,145	\$47,169
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.0%	Down from 0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 0.5%	1.8%	4.2%
Professional development days/teacher	11.1 days	Up from 9.3 days	11.1 days	11.1 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	7.0	Up from 6.0	5.5	5.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.3 to 1	Down from 21.4 to 1	20.8 to 1	20.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.5%	Up from 88.2%	90.6%	90.0%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$10,012	Down 1.1%	\$9,133	\$9,403
Percent expenditures for teacher salaries**	54.7%	Up from 54.0%	53.6%	52.6%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	57.6%	Up from 57.0%	57.4%	55.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	20	No change	13	9
Portable classrooms	1.4%	Down from 1.5%	1.0%	0.8%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	20.0	No change	13.0	9.0
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 90.4%	100.0%	100.0%
Average administrator salary	\$82,905	Up 0.1%	\$81,033	\$79,777
Number of charter schools	0	No change	0	0
ESEA composite index score	80.8	Up from 80.3	85.5	79.5
* Length of contract = 185+ days.		**Prior year audited financial data available.		

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Member of the Oconee Community,

Thank you for the interest you show in the School District of Oconee County. It is participation from community members like you that make the district successful. As the 2013-14 school year is reflected on, it is evident that there is much to be proud of in Oconee County.

An important milestone reached last year was the successful completion of the external review team visit as part of the AdvancEd accreditation process. The team of professional educators who visited our schools in April had many commendations ranging from superior school board leadership to strong relationships among stakeholders. The AdvancEd report was overwhelmingly positive, but it also pointed out areas for improvement as the school district looks to the future.

Another celebration in the School District of Oconee County is the continued support from the community. The Education Foundation of Oconee County continued to fund hundreds of students in the back-pack weekend feeding program and provided funding to schools through a grant program supporting technology. The business and industrial community supported students through the Business and Industry Showcase that encouraged eighth grade students in career exploration and development. (The success of this program has led to replication in other parts of our state.)

Various community members participated in different school volunteer programs that helped students learn skills from reading to swimming.

School Improvement Councils, parent/teacher organizations and booster clubs also benefitted from much community support in their efforts to provide students with high quality opportunities to learn and perform.

A final celebration for 2013-14 for Oconee County is our students. Our students continued to perform very well when compared with their peers across the state, nation and globe. Whether in academic arenas, artistic endeavors or athletic contests, Oconee students consistently rose to the challenge and made us proud.

I ask that you review the data in this report card closely and encourage you to call the school district if you need additional information. An informed and supportive community is an essential ingredient for a successful school district. Your interest and input are valued and appreciated.

Michael Thorsland, Superintendent